

Italy is practically the only country of importance in Europe that might be expected to take part in friendly mediation without being suspected by either Russia or Japan of ulterior motives or hostile intent. It is alleged that some arrangement might possibly be made by which at the opening of the United States and Italy, neither of them having entangling alliances with either of the belligerents, might be able to do something that would bring about a cessation of hostilities.

Mr. Hay has frequently been ill and inaccessible for a while before something of the greatest importance has happened bearing in diplomatic affairs in which the United States was interested.

DISPATCHES MISSING.

Important Orders to Russian Squadron Supposed to Have Been Stolen.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 27.—The authorities here are seriously concerned about the mysterious disappearance of two official dispatches containing orders to the French squadron in the Indian ocean. The bags which were forwarded to the captain of the French warship Infanterie, and which are said to have contained orders relative to the movements of the Russian second Pacific Squadron, disappeared between Port Said and Jibuti, French Somaliland. The investigations made have not resulted in finding any traces of the missing bags, and some fears are entertained that they may have reached those interested in learning the plans of the Russian second Pacific Squadron.

GENERAL DROPS DEAD.

Stricken With Apoplexy While Running Upstairs to Thank War Minister.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 27.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Times reports that General Dokstouff, who was to start to-morrow to join General Kaulbar's staff in Manchuria, died yesterday as the result of an apoplectic stroke from running upstairs in the war office to thank the minister of war for his appointment. Dokstouff, who was seventy years of age, and the hero of several campaigns, had begged to be sent to Manchuria, because he wished to die a soldier's death.

NEW JAPANESE LOAN.

Will Probably be Formally Offered in New York Monday. Several French Applicants.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 27.—Japan's new \$50,000,000 loan will probably be formally offered in this city on Wednesday. The underwriting syndicate which has now been completed, will rank as the largest ever formed in connection with the flotation of a foreign loan in the United States.



JELEBOWSKY, chief of the Russian clergy of Russia, whose life is sought by Nihilists.

tion of a foreign loan in the United States. There are several prominent financial interests of New York, Chicago and other cities. A remarkable incident was the receipt of applications here from French applicants. The life insurance companies will take a first of the New York portion of the loan, or \$15,000,000. Just how much gold will have to be exported to settle with Japan for the bonds will not be determined before April or May. The new bonds were offered for sale today on the curb market "when issued." The asking price was 92 and 93 was bid.

MY TRADE IS WAR.

So Says Oyama, Adding, "The Russians Are Brave and Able and Have Fought Well."

(By Associated Press.)

YINKOW, MANCHURIA, March 27.—"I am only a soldier," said Marshal Oyama today in the first interview he has granted since he took the field, "not a politician. The Japanese government will

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arrange terms of peace when the time comes. I am ready to carry on the war as long as necessary.

"We were forced to fight this war in the interests of international peace and for the safety of our country."

Personally I have a high regard for the Russians. They are soldiers. The officers and men are brave and able, and have fought well.

"In the war between China and Japan I was the commander of the army which captured Port Arthur. With a division and a half of troops we took the city in five hours. The siege this time shows the wonderful difference between the Russians and the Chinese, with whom we had previous experience. But our army, both soldiers and officers, performed their duty as Japan knew they would."

"I was minister of war for Japan for sixteen years, during which time conscription laws were passed. I have closely watched the making of the Japanese army, which has proved what I say—that the officers and the men have fulfilled every hope, as I believed they would."

In the other days, when the Japanese army was composed of the samurai, professional fighting men. The modern army was drafted from all classes, yet all our hopes have been fully realized by the work this army has done in actual war."

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BLOWN THROUGH HOLE IN TUNNEL

Workman Shot Twenty Feet Into Air, But Was Not Seriously Hurt.

SWEPT UP BY RUSH OF AIR

Bystanders So Much Startled by Accident That They Took to Flight.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 27.—Blown through a break in a tunnel in the East River by an explosion to-day, carried to the surface of the water and shot twenty feet into the air, Richard Creedon, a laborer, was rescued only slightly hurt. His escape from death seemed almost miraculous.

Three of his companions were rescued in the tunnel and carried out, all injured.

The men were at work in the forward compartment of the railroad tunnel under the East River between Brooklyn and the Bronx, which is to be used eventually to connect the Manhattan subway lines with Brooklyn subway lines.

Two tubes side by side are in progress of construction. The Brooklyn end of one of the tubes has been extended about fifteen feet beyond the end of the pier line at the foot of Jerusalem Street.

How It Happened.

Twenty-two men were at work in the tunnel to-day when the accident happened. Creedon and his three companions were in the forward compartment working under a high pressure of air. In a thunderous back of them eight men were at work.

This second compartment was not affected by the accident, but there is a bulkhead between them. Creedon was the head to ascertain that the roof of the tunnel was leaking and that the air was running out into the bottom of the East River, which was about forty feet deep above.

With sandbags he attempted to plug up



Winners at "The Mecklenburg" round trials. Beth "Broad" and "Lizzie," winners of first and second places, belong to Mr. Edward Overby, of Boydton. "Rouser," winner of third place, belongs to Mr. R. W. Elam.

the leak, but as he did so the whole roof was blown out and the tremendous force of the compressed air drove Creedon out through the hole. The upward rush of air carried him to the surface in a twinkling and he shot into the air with a bounding motion, quickly fished him out of the water. He was considerably bruised and shaken up, but was not dangerously hurt.

Bystanders who saw the man shoot to the surface say that he was shot twenty feet into the air from the level of the water and that his startling appearance so frightened several Italian laborers on the nearby pier that they took to flight.

His companions were dragged back through the tunnel by workmen from the next compartment.

As seemingly she had resigned herself to any action that might be taken. When she was told that the motion for a new trial had been refused she merely nodded her head as if she already knew, though she is so hard of hearing she could not have known what words the court uttered.

When ordered to stand up and receive the sentence Mrs. Chadwick did not hear, and was assisted by her feet by Deputy United States Marshal Cobitz. The court asked her if she had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced. She looked around in bewilderment. She was not certain what was taking place, and had not the slightest idea what the court said. She was then led forward, nearer the bench, and the court showed the question. Mrs. Chadwick

said there was nothing she cared to say herself. Her attorneys made no appeal to the court, and the sentence was immediately imposed.

Mrs. Chadwick was convicted under an indictment in which she was charged with conspiracy with Beckwith and Spear, president and cashier of the Oceanic National Bank, to certify her checks when she had no money in the bank. This is a transaction prohibited by the government for the protection of the depositors and stockholders of a national bank.

By good behavior Mrs. Chadwick can reduce her time of imprisonment to eight

years and four months.

When seen immediately after sentence had been pronounced, Mrs. Chadwick replied to a question: "What more can the world want to know about me?"

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Weak Kidneys

To any kidney sufferer who has not tried my remedy I offer a full dollar's worth free. Not a mere sample—but a regular dollar's worth of the best medicine in the world.

There is nothing to pay, either now or later. I ask no dowry—no promise. You are no risk. The dollar bottle is made because mine is no ordinary remedy, and I feel so sure of its results that I can afford to make this offer.

In the first place, my remedy does not treat the kidneys. Such treatment is the kidneys' business. The kidneys are not to blame for their weakness or irregularities. They have no power—no self-control. They are operated and actuated by a tiny shred of a nerve which alone is responsible for their condition.

They are not the master nerves. The kidneys are strong and healthy. If the kidneys were gone wrong you know it by the inevitable result—backache.

This tender nerve is only one of a great system of nerves. This system controls not only the kidneys, but the heart and the liver and the stomach. For simplicity's sake I have called this great nerve system the "Sympathetic Nerve."

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SERVANTS GUARD RICHEST WOMAN

Mrs. Walker Stays Close to Apartments and Awaits Move of Relatives.

REFUSES TO SEE VISITORS

Only Recreation Is an Early Morning Drive in the Park.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, March 27.—Surrounded by every luxury and maintaining a strict privacy, Anna Weightman Walker, heir to \$20,000,000 by the will of her father, William Weightman, of Philadelphia, awaited to-day in her richly furnished apartments in the Hotel Renaissance, on West Forty-third Street, news from her lawyers in Philadelphia as to whether or not she was to be involved in an attempt to get from her \$10,000,000 of her fortune.

Mrs. Walker's apartment at the Renaissance consists of four large rooms, facing Forty-third Street. She never appears in the dining room of the hotel, but takes her meals in the private dining room of her apartment, where she is served by employees whose duties are to look after her alone. Special servants look after all the work of caring for her apartment and a certain side outside her door to take her orders and to act as a guard against any intruders who might get by the hotel clerk.

Mrs. Walker's only recreation is an early morning drive in the park. Before luncheon she transacts her business, which often